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SUBJ: INNOCULATION OF AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MAZATLAN, SINALOA,
MEXICO ON MARCH 1, 1976

REF: PARKER-MCLENDON TELECON OF 2/26/76

SCS PASS TO MR. GISE

1. AS DISCUSSED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON FEBRUARY 26 WITH
WITH EMBASSY'S RUTH MCLENDON CONOFF PARKER MADE ARRANGEMENTS
WITH PRISON WARDEN TO PERMIT THE INNOCULATION OF AMERICAN
PRISONERS WITH GAMMA GLOBULIN TO WARD AGAINST THE OUTBREAK OF
FURTHER CASES OF INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS AMONG PRISON'S AMERICAN
POPULATION (SO FAR THERE HAVE BEEN FIVE CASES AMONG AN AMCIT
POPULATION OF 43). CONOFF PARKER POINTED OUT TO WARDEN MEXICAN
GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE FOR AMERICAN
PRISONERS BUT SINCE AN EMERGENCY EXISTED AND BECAUSE MEXICAN
GOVERNMENT HAD NOT ASSUMED ITS RESPONSIBILITY, U.S. GOVERNMENT
WAS TAKING EMERGENCY ACTION TO PREVENT THE OCCURENCE OF AN
EPIDEMIC.

2. GAMMA GLOBULIN, OBTAINED FROM EMBASSY, WAS ADMINISTERED TO
NINETEEN (19) US CITIZENS BY DR. GUZMAN, THE CONSULATE'S
MEDICAL ADVISOR, WHO REGULARLY DOES VOLUNTEER WORK AMONG
AMERICAN PRISONERS.

3. SINCE INNOCULATIONS PROVIDE IMMUNITY FOR ONLY A SHORT
PERIOD OF TIME, SITUATION WILL BE MONITORED CLOSELY AND
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FURTHER SUPPLIES OF GAMMA GLOBULIN WILL BE REQUESTED FROM
EMBASSY IF NEEDED.

4. CONSULATE THANKS ALL PERSONS IN DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY FOR
THEIR ASSISTANCE IN THIS PROJECT.

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